

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET  
Orange Unified School District**

*Please fill out and return by April 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm to cerich@orangeusd.org, or leave at the superintendent's office.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Years Residing in District: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children in the district's schools? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what schools? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have prior experience serving on a governing board, specifically a school district board? Please list such prior experience.

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2. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them.

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3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related

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4. Why do you want to be a school board member?

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5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

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6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

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7. How does the board's role differ from that of the superintendent?

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8. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

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9. Briefly describe your commitment to public education and our local school district.

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10. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?

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11. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?

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\* Applicants may attach an optional letter or recommendation and/or resume. Anything included in or attached to the application is a public record.

ATTESTATION

I \_\_\_\_\_, am hereby applying for the vacancy on the Board of Education for Orange Unified School District Area \_\_\_\_\_.

Residency Requirement

I hereby declare that I reside within the boundaries of the Trustee area I am applying for pursuant to the statutory definition of residency provided in Government Code section 244 and applicant laws. If there is any change in the status of my residency. I agree to immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools in writing.

Qualifications

I hereby declare that I am eligible to be a Board member without further qualifications as set forth in OUSD Board Bylaw 9220. Board Bylaw states in relevant part:

Any person is eligible to be a Board member, without further qualifications, if he/she is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of California, a resident of the school district, a registered voter and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. Any person who has been convicted of a felony involving the giving, accepting, or offering of a bribe, embezzlement or theft of public funds, extortion, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any such crime, under California law or the law of another state, the United States of America, or another country, is not eligible to be a candidate for office or be a Board member except when the person has been granted a pardon in accordance with law. (Education Code 35107; Elections Code 20)


A District employee elected to the Board shall resign his/her position before being sworn in or shall have his/her employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. (E.C. 35107)

I understand that this application and anything attached to it is a public document and may be requested under provisions of the California Public Records Act.

I understand that upon appointment I would be required to comply with conflict of interest laws and policies and that I would be required to take an oath of office.

I attest the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant:  \_\_\_\_\_

Provisionally appointed Board members hold the office until the next regularly scheduled election per Education Code section 5091(e)), unless terminated by petition per Education Code section 5091(c)).

April 24, 2024

Dear Board President Page and Trustees:

Thank you for your consideration of my application for appointment in Trustee Area 7.

I am an OUSD parent and have lived in Orange for 17 years. I am passionate about public education and providing quality education opportunities for children in our community. Schools play a critical role in developing our children for the future, and I believe that my background in the nonprofit sector and my direct experience with the educational system as a parent has given me the experience necessary to be an excellent Trustee.

Throughout my career as a nonprofit leader, I have worked closely with children and families to provide programs and services to meet their needs while centering community voice. As a Senior Program Director of the Community Services Division at the YMCA of Orange County, I lead programs that provided services for children with special needs in after school care, social/recreational programs for adults with special needs, and foster youth mentoring. There I gained experience as a member of the Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council, and worked with the Regional Center and Department of Social Services.

In my current role as a nonprofit Executive Director, I provide resources, professional development, consulting, and advocacy for over 600 nonprofits each year through collaboration and partnership. Along with providing organizational development and resources to other nonprofit and government entities, our services areas include board governance training, intentional community engagement, diversity, equity and inclusion, and leadership development.

In addition to my experience in governance and children and families, I believe that parent representation on the school board is important in providing perspective of the challenges and opportunities facing parents today. We are proud leopards in my family, with all four children attending Linda Vista Elementary School. I have been a volunteer at the school in the classroom and PTA Volunteer, currently serving as the PTA Auditor.

I am deeply invested in the success of Orange Unified School District and am eager to contribute my skills and experience to the Board. I am committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive educational environment that empowers all students to thrive. Thank you once again for considering my application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Byerly", with a long, sweeping underline.

Michelle Byerly